Assessment Update for Parental Choice Schools



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WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

Assessment

New:

2021-22 Assessment Data Public Release

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) publicly released statewide assessment results for the spring 2022 Forward Exam, ACT, ASPIRE, and DLM today, Thursday, September 29. A press release is available on the <u>DPI News Releases webpage</u> and performance data for public schools is available in the <u>WISEdash public portal</u>. Student performance data for the parental choice schools is posted via the <u>Parental Choice Program data page</u>. Additional assessment data resources are available on the <u>DAC Resources webpage</u>.

Accountability

New:

2021-22 Report Cards Preliminary Secure Release - October 4

Deputy State Superintendent John Johnson sent an <u>email to Choice Administrators</u> on Tuesday announcing that **next week**, **October 4**, **DPI will release the secure preliminary versions of the 2021-22 School and District Report Cards**. As in prior years, the preliminary report cards will be released via <u>SAFE</u>, the Secure Access File Exchange. Please make sure you have <u>access to SAFE</u> prior to the secure release.

As a secure report, they contain potentially identifiable student information, and have not been redacted. As such, and because the report cards are preliminary and subject to change, **the secure reports and any information on the preliminary report cards may not be shared** with your local media, parents, or members of the community.

The secure release opens the <u>report card inquiry period</u>, which will take place between October 4-17. This window is an opportunity for schools and districts to work with OEA to address possible data submission errors.

Report Card Resources

In preparation for next week's secure release, we have posted <u>report card resources</u> to guide your review of the preliminary report cards and assist with local report card interpretation and messaging. These three resources are particularly helpful to inform initial review as part of the inquiry period:

- What's New document, outlining the updates to the report cards;
- Secure Release Checklist, which can be used when reviewing preliminary report cards;
- Guide to Correctable Data document, outlining which accountability data may be corrected through opening an inquiry.

OEA will continue to update our resources page as we move towards the preliminary secure report card release, as well as the final secure and public releases planned for November. If you have questions about report cards, please contact OEA.

DAC Update

Reminder:

DAC Contact Information Updates

The 2022-23 annual <u>District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) Update form</u> should be submitted at this time. Schools must submit the forms **by October 7** to ensure the information is correct for the DPI upload to the vendor portals. This form is required for both new and returning DACs, even if the information has not changed. The information provided is used to:

- Ensure DACs receive regular assessment and accountability updates, and
- Upload information into vendor portals to ensure DACs have 2022-23 permissions.

Schools should also remove permissions in the test vendor portals (or make inactive) from any individuals who are no longer employed by the schools and adjust user roles to sync with staffing changes.

ACT

New:

2023 PAnext Portal

The 2023 <u>ACT PearsonAccessNext (PAnext) portal</u> will open on November 7. DACs will receive access to the portal, along with instructions on how to set up testing staff within PAnext and select an ACT testing date, at that time.

ACT Accommodation Office Hours

The Test Accessibility and Accommodation System (TAA) opened for the spring 2023 ACT assessment on September 12. ACT will hold Accommodation Office Hours again this year to provide the field with an opportunity to speak and ask questions directly with an ACT Accommodation Specialist. Visit the <u>ACT Accommodation Office Hours registration link</u> to register for these upcoming events.

PreACT Secure

New:

2023 Test Window Update

PreACT Secure will now be administered in a single test window from March 20 to April 28, 2023. Testing under one window allows districts and schools more flexibility to choose a testing schedule that works for them without added administrative tasks. Students must still complete the assessment as a single battery in one sitting (like the ACT), unless they have accommodation needs for multi-day testing.

Forward Exam

Reminder:

See the Forward Exam webpage for calendar dates, information, and resources.

Important Dates to Remember

Be sure to refer to each specific assessment calendar for a complete list of key dates

Date	Event	Assessment
October 4	Preliminary Secure Report Cards available in SAFE. For more information, see OEA's Report Card Resources	Report Cards
October 7	Annual DAC update forms due to OEA	ALL
November 7	2023 PearsonAccess™ Portal (PAnext) opens	ACT



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